

In the Specification:

Please AMEND the specification as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0005] with the following amended paragraph:

[0005] The effects of sudden immersion in cold water are profound and significantly reduce the ability to hold one's breath. The wearing of an immersion dry suit by an escapee can significantly reduce the effects of this initial cold shock. However, the wearing of any immersion dry suit introduces the risk of additional buoyancy, as air is trapped within the immersion coverall. This is a particular problem for one-size-fits-all suits as they are big enough to be worn by large people, which results in air trapped within the suit particularly when they are worn by small people. This buoyancy can prevent a successful escape from an immersed cabin with fatal consequences. Moreover, should the escapee become inverted in the water, trapped air may move to the leg or foot portions of the suit and it may not be possible for the escapee to right him/her-self due to the additional buoyancy in the legs.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following amended paragraph:

[0015] Preferably, the maximum transverse dimension or diameter of the base is greater than the maximum transverse dimension or diameter of the head. Preferably the tubular shape tapers inwardly as the tube extends from the base end to the head end, and more preferably, the cover is frusto-conical in shape.

Please insert the following new paragraph after paragraph [0024]:

[0024.1] Preferably, there is provided an immersion suit, comprising a valve, and a cover for the valve permanently connected to the suit about the periphery of the cover, the cover being deformable from a first shape to a second shape on action of an external force, the first shape defining a bore, wherein, in use, when the cover adopts the second shape it folds over the valve and substantially protects at least a portion of the valve from the external force.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following amended paragraph:

[0036] The suit 50 is typically made from a waterproof, breathable fabric such as ~~GORE-~~TEX[®] polytetrafluoroethylene fabric, or alternatively from any of a range of waterproof non-breathable fabrics. The suit 50 comprises a number of flat pattern pieces assembled using techniques appropriate to the material. This could be by adhesive only, or by the use of stitching and then the use of hot melt adhesive seam sealing tape. The seals 2, 3 are typically made from latex or neoprene.